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## NOTES AND NEWS

THE OCCURRENCE OF *HEMITOMES CONGESTUM* IN THE SOUTHERN SIERRA NEVADA, CALIFORNIA—*Hemitomes congestum* Gray has recently been collected from Sequoia National Park and Mineral King Game Refuge in Tulare Co. This, the second record of the species in the Sierra Nevada, is a range extension of approximately 250 miles south from an early collection (*E. V. Schurr*, May 18, 1934, UC) at Camptonville in Yuba Co.

We first collected this species during the summer of 1966 (*Rice & Merryman 478*, CAS, DAV) between Evelyn Lake and Hockett Meadow. Additional collections were made in Sept., 1967, when two fruiting specimens were obtained from widely separated locations along the Mineral King—Hockett Meadow trail (*Rice 642a*, DAV; *Rice 642b*, DAV). Several other small colonies of *Hemitomes* from which no specimens were taken were observed in the area.

*Hemitomes congestum* is best known from the redwood forest in northern California where it grows on humus below 2500 feet. Our collections are especially interesting in that they were made between 8,400 and 8,700 feet on the relatively dry, open floor of a red fir forest on soils of granitic origin. There was very little litter and few herbaceous plants in the vicinity of the colonies.—BARBARA RICE, University of California, Davis.